

## **CLUB 33 HISTORY MINUTE #40 5/27/2010**

**In gearing up for Rotary Club 33's Centennial in 2011, let's turn the clock back to 1918, when our Club's 8<sup>th</sup> President, Leslie Everts took charge with the classification Certified Public Accountant. San Diego was now a busy place since the outbreak of the World War, due to our all-weather training areas used by both the Army and Navy. Our young club rose to wartime challenges; with Rotarians inviting soldiers into their homes for Thanksgiving dinner, and leading the local fundraising efforts of the National War Camp Community Recreation Campaign. 1918 saw the first major commitment by Club 33 to the Boy Scouts of America, by supporting the establishment of an official San Diego Area Scout Council. With all seriousness aside, San Diego Rotary did manage to uphold its tradition of fines. President Les, being bald as a cue-ball, decided at one meeting that all bald men would be fined for coming to the meeting partially naked. Les himself also ponied up for the good of the service fund. Mid-way thru 1918, a Club 33 member who was serving as an Army Captain in France wrote to the Club stating that America's involvement in the War would last ten years - About one year to "lick the Germans", and another nine years to roll up all the barbed wire strewn across Europe. And that's your Club 33 History Minute.**